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Attorney Docket No. NMTI 1002-9

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

CHRISTOPHE PIERRAT)

Application No. *Unassigned*)

Customer No. 30437

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For: **Phase Shift Masking for Complex Patterns**
With Proximity Adjustments)

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PETITION REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE COLOR DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions for acceptance of color drawings in the identified U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2) and (b)(2). Applicant provides herewith:

- (i) The fee set forth in § 1.17(i) (Check No. 1638 in the amount of \$130.00);
- (ii) Three (3) sets of color drawings (Figs. 7, 10, 13, 19B, 20B, 22, 28, 30, 41, 43 - Sheets 4, 6, 7, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 of 27); and
- (iii) Black and white photocopy of color drawings.

The specification contains the following language as the first paragraph in that portion of the specification relating to the brief description of the drawing:

The file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

Applicant submits that color drawings are a practical medium by which to disclose results of simulations of subject matter sought to be patented in the present application, and in particular to disclose of photolithographic processes related to aspects of the invention. Without color drawings, the disclosure will be less clear.

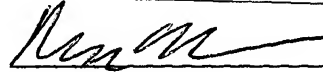
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Accordingly, Applicant requests acceptance of color Figs. 7, 10, 13, 19B, 20B, 22, 28, 30, 41, 43 (Sheets 4, 6, 7, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 of 27).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (Docket No. NMTI 1002-9). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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